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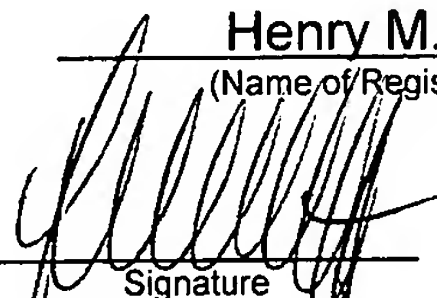
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: REIMANN

In re Application of:)
JÜRGEN-ANDREAS REIMANN)
Appl. No.: 10/650,329)
Filed: August 28, 2003)
For: DEVICE FOR AUTOMATING AND/OR)
CONTROLLING MACHINE TOOLS OR)
PRODUCTION MACHINES)
) Group Art Unit: 2127

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in a German Office Action with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 102 43 771.8. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 199 10 426 A1	Renner P.	10-05-2000
B)	Germany	DE 199 04 543 A1	Siemens AG	02-10-2000
C)	IEE "Visualisierung oder was?" In: iee 46, 2001, no. 11			

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) relates to relocation of functions at a processing level in decentralized devices at a field level. All devices are networked with the same physical data interfaces for processing with analog and digital in- and outputs. Decentralized processing/field devices and management level computers can actively forward data to each of the other parties who have the same standard general function data transfer protocols.

Reference B) describes a bus coupler includes having two slave connections (10, 11) for connecting to a redundant master bus system (1). A master connection (12) is provided for connecting to a non-redundant slave bus system (6). A control unit (13) is provided which controls the data transmission between the slave connections and the master connection. Preferably, the control unit transmits data from the non-redundant slave bus system to the redundant master bus system via both slave connections. Data from the redundant master bus system are transmitted to the non-redundant slave bus system via only one of the both slave connections.

Reference C) relates to thin-client applications for evaluation on the basis of iHistorian or to thin-clients with iFIX applications in conjunction with a Windows 2000 Terminal server.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

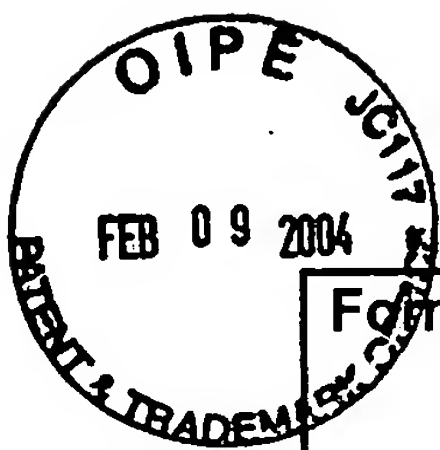
Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application
is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DE 199 10 426 A1	10-05-2000	Germany			no
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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